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1. BRANIFF REPLY TO AEROPERU:

A. AS INDICATED REFTEL, AMBASSADOR AGREES WITH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR BRANIFF TO REPLY TO AEROPERU'S LETTER OF APRIL 21. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH DEL SOLAR, WHO SAYS BRANIFF BELIEVES THAT IT IS PREFERABLE NOT TO REPLY SINCE REPLY MIGHT ELICIT AEROPERU PROPOSAL INTER AILA, OF COMPROMISE AT LEVEL OF 25 FREQUENCEIS WHICH BRANIFF WOULD HAVE TO REJECT, THUS PLACING RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE OF TALKS SQUARELY ON BRANIFF.

B. EMBOFF SAID HE THOUGHT THIS EVENTUALITY MIGHT BE AVOIDED BY APPROPRIATE DRAFTING AND THAT BRANIFF MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE LINE SIMILAR TO THAT OF AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 30 LETTER FOR FORIEGN MINISTRY IN RESPONSE TO INISTRY'S MEMORANDUM OF APRIL 28 (LIMA 3511). APRIL 30 LETTER ESSENTIALLY CONFINED ITSELF TO POINTING OUT THAT PERUVIAN POSTION HAS INFLEXIBLY REMAINED AT 24 FRE-QUENCIES, WHILE BRANIFF HAS MOVED SECCESSIVELY FROM 34 TO 32 TO 29 AND FINALLY TO 26. BRANIFF HAD NOT -UNI-LATERALLY BROKEN ('INTERRUMPIDO') THE NEOGITATIONS" AS CONFIDENTIAL

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STATED IN THE MINISTRY'S MEMORANDUM; WHAT HAD HAPPENED

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WAS THAT AEROPERU HAD REJECTED BRANIFF'S LAST OFFER.

C. DEL SOLAR SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH DALLAS HEAD-
QUARTERS, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT
ON THIS QUESTION. BRANIFF WOULD DO WHATEVER THE USG
THOUGHT BEST. OUR VIEW CONTINUES TO BE THAT A REPLY WOULD
BE DESIRABLE FOR THE RECORD, AND WE WOULD SO RECOMMEND,
BUT WE WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE TO TRY TO INSTRUCT BRANIFF IN
THIS MATTER.

2. CABINET DISCUSSES CIVAIR: DEL SOLAR TOLD DCM THAT
HE HAD LEARNED THAT CABINET DISCUSSED CIVAIR PROBLEM AT
APRIL 29 MEETING, ALTHOUGH IT HAD NOT BEEN ON AGENDA.
DISCUSSION WAS APPARENTLY INCONCLUSIVE, AS CABINET HAD
MERELY INSTRUCTED FOREIGN MINISTER TO RESOLVE PROBLEM WITH-
OUT GIVING AWAY ANYTHING THAT WOULD DAMAGE AEROPERU.

3. POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND FOREIGN
MINISTER: IF SECRETARY PLANS BILATERAL MEETING WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER DURING COURSE OF OAS SESSION,
WE THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE COULD RAISE
CIVAIR MATTER WITH DE LA FLOR, OR AT LEAST BE BRIEFED
SO THAT HE WOULD BE IN POSITION TO RESPOND IF DE LA FLOR
TAKES THE INITIATIVE. AMONG POINTS WHICH MIGHT BE
INCLUDED IS THAT BRANIFF HAS MADE SEVERAL CONCESSIONS,
WHILE AEROPERU HAS REMAINED INFLEXIBLE AND APPARENTLY
WANTS RIGHT TO NEW YORK WITHOUT PAYING ANYTHING IN RE-
TURN.

4. BRANIFF SOUTH AMERICA REGION MEETING: IRISH MET
DE SOLAR ON MAY 3 ENROUTE FROM MIAMI TO LIMA. DEL SOLAR
SAID THAT BRANIFF HAD HELD MEETING OF COUNTRY VICE PRISI-
DENTS IN MIAMI TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE AC-
TIONS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF PERU, ECUADOR AND BOLIVIA,
AND TO CONSIDER A NEW POLICY TO COPE WITH THEM. THE
POLICY CONTEMPLATES SERVING THE VARIOUS SOUTH AMERICAN
COUNTIRES PRIMARILY ON THE BASIS OF THIRD AND FOURTH
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